

WHEREAS, Black History Month has been celebrated in Reno by the Northern Nevada Minority Alliance (NNMA), Soka Gakkai International (SGI) - Nevada and many other local organizations who seek to further enhance this experience by presenting the *Gandhi, King, Ikeda* exhibit and films; and

WHEREAS, nonviolence is an integral component of building a peaceful society; and the creation of lasting positive influence rests largely on one's ability to translate lofty principles directly into human behavior; and

WHEREAS, the life histories of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Dr. Daisaku Ikeda clearly demonstrate that rather than quiet stillness, peace is a product of vital and energetic life-activity altruistically aimed at "the good of all - the community"; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College along with the M.K. Gandhi Institute of Nonviolence and others, organized the traveling exhibit, *Gandhi, King, Ikeda: A Legacy of Building Peace*, to describe how these three giants of humanity from different cultures and countries followed a common path of dedication to lofty ideals and principles of peace that viewers will find easily within the grasp of their own daily existence; and

WHEREAS, this exhibition advocates that people engage in dialogue, take action to transcend differences between themselves, confirm our belief in the innate dignity of humanity, translate noble principles into everyday actions of respect and care for others, apply nonviolence as a means to bring about positive change while using adversity as an opportunity to learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ikeda, the sole living representative from among those for whom this exhibit was named, has established many institutions to promote the ideals of peace and international dialogue, especially among young people, including the Soka Education system which includes schools ranging from kindergarten through college including the new Soka University of America in California; and

WHEREAS, *Gandhi, King, Ikeda: A Legacy of Building Peace* will be on display at the Truckee Meadows Community Collage for all the citizens of Reno, Nevada to be able to view and enjoy. Also, the films *Gandhi, King, Ikeda (GKI)* and *Victory Over Violence* can be viewed at the TMCC Student Center, City of Reno Southside Cultural Center Gallery, Sparks Library and the Washoe County School District from February 1 until February 28, 2006.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Robert A. Cashell, Sr., Mayor of the City of Reno, do hereby proclaim

FEBRUARY 8, 2006, AS DAISAKU IKEDA COMMUNITY BUILDER'S DAY

In and for the City of Reno, Nevada, and I encourage all citizens to congratulate and thank Mr. and Mrs. Daisaku Ikeda for bringing and sharing their exhibit with the Truckee Meadows community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand
and caused the Seal of the City of Reno, Nevada,
to be affixed this eighth day of February 2006

Robert A. Cashell, Sr., Mayor
City of Reno

ATTEST:

Lynnette Jones, City Clerk
City of Reno